

ELECTRIC CAR UNVEILED AT DETROIT

\$1,200 PRICE TAG

Electric Car Builders Predict Zippy Future

DETROIT (AP) — A battery-operated, three-wheeled vehicle that zips along at over 25 miles per hour and can be driven up to 45 miles before recharging was unveiled here Monday.

U.E. Patrick, president and chief executive officer of EVI, Inc., said the 400-pound vehicle, which stands 35 inches high, is powered by a one-horse-power electric motor.

He said the 1975 two-passenger Electric Powered Vehicle (EPV) operates on two batteries which can be recharged in 6½ hours under 110-volt household current.

Patrick said he doesn't expect the EPV to replace the internal combustion engine-driven car, but its uses could be "unlimited."

He said the EPV can be licensed as a street vehicle and will sell for \$1,200. The body and hood of the battery-charged three wheeler are made of high-density polyethylene which Patrick said meets federal impact standards.

He said the Sterling Heights-based firm would go into EPV production "as soon as possible this fall," in order to "meet the growing economic and environmental needs

of the public."

Last year, EVI Inc. introduced the People Powered Vehicle (PPV) which Patrick said was the prototype for this year's electric car.

The PPV, which sold more than 10,000 units during the 12-month period ended Jan. 31, is a two-seat, lightweight pedal-powered three wheeler with a plastic body.

"With the PPV we attempted to meet mounting consumer concerns about air pollution, the fuel shortage and the need for physical fitness, as well as for fun and recreation," Patrick said.

He said the firm presently is investigating marketing possibilities for the EPV in Japan, Australia, the Philippines, the Middle East, Mainland China, the U.S.S.R., and in the nine common market countries.

Patrick said the vehicle could get wider use in European markets because the "energy problem is greater there than in the U.S. and many countries must import most of their fuel."

He predicted the firm would sell about 20,000 next year in the U.S., adding that he expects foreign sales to range between 30,000 and 40,000 per year.

Berrien Welfare Fraud Unit Pays Off In 1973

By BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Berrien Prosecutor John Smietanka said Monday the prosecutor's welfare support and fraud unit was responsible for generating \$11,489 weekly in child support payments during 1973 while costing only \$974 per week.

He also noted that the unit investigated 121 allegations of welfare fraud, leading to 20 convictions and 37 instances of reimbursement.

In a press conference at the Berrien courthouse, Smietanka also announced that: Berrien Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell has given the prosecutor's office one man for the next month to assist in investigating possible welfare fraud cases; and that Robert McDowell has been named new chief assistant prosecutor.

The welfare support unit's year end report prepared by Atty. Jack Struwin, project director, showed:

—A total of 1,486 new cases opened last year added to 360 cases pending from 1972.

—Disposal of 1,623 cases with 535 closed by circuit court orders requiring child support payments totaling \$11,243.75 per week.

—A total of 36 amended support orders for an increase of \$245.25 per week.

—The weekly child support payments resulted from: non-support actions by the welfare support unit, \$5,823 weekly; paternity actions, \$2,976 weekly; uniform reciprocal enforcement of support actions with other states, a total of \$2,444 weekly.

Cost of the welfare unit's support and fraud activities for the year was \$50,690 from state and federal funding. The county primarily provided in-kind services such as office space and supplies.

A total of 121 welfare fraud cases were referred to the prosecutor's unit and 104 were closed in 1973. Warrants were issued in 23 cases with 20 convictions and 3 dismissals by the prosecutor with a total reimbursement of \$19,729.61.

Warrants were not issued for welfare fraud in 37 cases because of reimbursement; in 51 cases because of insufficient information; and in two cases because the suspect was deceased.

Struwin said the "dollar return shows the welfare support unit is a successful program." With the program now in its fourth year of operation, Struwin said he has seen an increase in the number of referrals of cases with illegitimate children. It may mean either there are more illegitimate children in the county or that there is more concentration on paternity cases, he said.

The report also showed that a total of 797 non-support, paternity and reciprocal enforcement support actions were closed without support orders from the courts. Of these, 215 resulted from failure of the clients to cooperate with the welfare support unit.

Struwin said this failure to cooperate "is a concern to us" and one reason is that some women would rather not go to court to get support orders. He said a change will require an educational process to show that court orders are not punishment but merely establishment of

legal interests.

The welfare support unit is funded to provide necessary legal service to establish paternity and support for children receiving ADC benefits.

Struwin gave credit to the Berrien social service department for referral of cases for support action and to the Berrien friend of court's office

for seeing that support payments are made or that fathers are held accountable to the court.

Berrien sheriff's Deputy Sam Donoho has been assigned to assist the welfare fraud unit for the next 30 days in reducing a backlog of 300 complaints of possible welfare fraud.

Struwin said the backlog

resulted from a "deluge" of information about possible fraud mainly due to publicity about the welfare fraud program.

McDowell has been named chief assistant prosecutor effective immediately at an annual salary of \$18,031. He will assist with office administration while retaining a reduced trial load. Smietanka was chief assistant

prosecutor under former Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor who resigned last month.

Smietanka said also that the county board of commissioners has been asked to create one full-time assistant prosecutor's position in St. Joseph and a half-time position in Niles because of the increasing number of criminal cases.



OIL ON MENU: President Nixon talks with West Germany's Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, left, Monday night prior to a White House dinner for representatives to the 13-nation energy conference.

Also at the head table are Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp and Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Masayoshi Ohira, far right. (AP Wirephoto)

Gap Between France, U.S. Scuttles First Oil Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The conference of 13 major oil consuming countries ends today with the expectation that it will schedule another high-level meeting at which producers and consumers, including those from the developing countries, will participate.

But otherwise speeches by foreign and finance ministers Monday appeared to confirm the prediction that the problems of the energy shortage go far beyond what a two-day meeting could resolve.

A communique to be issued tonight will show agreement on

the seriousness of the situation and on the need for more study and further consultations. But, it is likely to camouflage the gap between the United States, on one extreme, and France, on the other.

The United States, represented by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, is pleading for complete cooperation and promising assistance to its friends and allies who are far more dependent on Arab oil than in this country.

Michel Jobert, France's foreign minister, does not want to hear of such close cooperation which, he contends, is impossible because the United States, a major oil producer, cannot be compared with other countries that have to import every drop of oil they need.

Jobert, in an uncompromising speech, said that Europe must be free to tackle the problem and that it was "not desirable to establish a system of preliminary consultations with the other big consuming entities," such as the United States.

He also argued with Kissinger on another point. Kissinger asked for "agreed rules of conduct" in dealings with the producers. The consumers, Jobert said, should not try to define a "new code ... let us not seek to establish or to impose a new world energy order."

Kissinger suggested that the conference set up some follow-up mechanism — he called it a "coordinating group" — but Jobert did not like this idea either. "France, for her part, would not guarantee such a structure, be it working groups, an action group for energy," he said.

Kissinger, as many times before in speeches and press conferences, again was critical about bilateral deals such as Jobert concluded in two recent tours of the Middle East.

"The only result of unmanaged bilateralism will be to bid up prices perhaps even beyond present levels, and to

stabilize them at levels that will ruin the countries making the bilateral arrangements before they ruin everyone else," Kissinger told the conference.

A few hours later, at a White House dinner for the ministers, President Nixon backed up Kissinger on this point. It might be

good politics to make such deals over the short term, "but over the long term it is bad statesmanship," Nixon said in his toast.

Jobert in his conference speech said there was nothing

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SHARING THE FIRE: Police and pickets get together around the fire with a stack of coal provided by Fryston Colliery for picketing duty at Ferrybridge Power station, North Yorkshire as the British mine strike enters its third day. Mine union leaders are studying offer from British businessmen to subsidize raises for coal miners. (AP Wirephoto)

Probing Migrant's Group Farm Gals Attack In Different Way

By NICK SMITH
Staff Writer

WATERLIET — Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan (WSAM) chose a flanking movement rather than a direct attack against what they characterized as a "powerful" migrant-rights or-

ganization during their monthly meeting last night.

Under discussion was how WSAM should go about fighting the United Migrant Opportunities, Inc. (UMOI), a private organization d in part by grants from the federal Office of Economic Opportunity. The course of action chosen by the farm wives' group was to contact congressmen and senators from Michigan and attempt to discover where UMOI gets its money.

Prior to discussion, it was suggested to the 45 persons in attendance that they contribute money for legal defense for some southwestern Michigan growers who currently face UMOI suits. UMOI's suits usually deal with working conditions, wages, and migrant camps.

Ferris Pierson, a Keeler grower visiting the meeting, opposed the idea that WSAM offer financial help to the growers being sued. To do so, he explained, would cause UMOI to flood area growers with law-suits, draining WSAM's treasury.

"If you're going to take a

public stand saying you will back up growers facing suits, you'd better be J. Paul Getty," Pierson quipped. After discussion, the women agreed.

Mrs. Robert (Connie) Canfield, of Keeler, founder of WSAM and chairman of last

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Berrien Court Cracks Down On Delinquent ADC Dads

A 20-year-old Benton Harborite drew three concurrent 30-day jail terms for arrears in child support and two other men were ordered to pay arrears for children on ADC Monday in Berrien circuit court.

Judge Ronald H. Lange set jail terms for Cornelius E. Lewis, of 468 Cherry, after finding him in contempt for three separate ADC child cases totaling \$1,297.50 arrears. George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

The jail sentence may be stayed if Lewis produces a \$250 payment, the friend of the

court added.

Wesley Joiner, of 233 Hatch, Benton township, was ordered by Judge Zoe S. Burkholz to pay \$26 weekly support for two children on ADC and \$5 weekly on \$687 arrears, Westfield reported.

James Lester Young, of 133 Plann, Benton township, was found in contempt by Judge Lange for \$473 arrears and was ordered to pay \$16 weekly support for one child on ADC and \$1 weekly on arrears, the friend of the court reported.

Young also was placed on a six-month probation and ordered to keep a steady job.



ROBERT KAUKOLA
Housing Changes Proposed

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
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Washington's
Downhill Slide

To those Congressmen, which is to say most of them and from both major parties, luxuriating in the thought of only the White House being in hot water with the public it must come as a dash of cold water to learn that roughly three of four Americans believe both axes on Pennsylvania Avenue make for a dead magnet.

At least that is what a public opinion poll conducted by Lou Harris between January 18-22 reports.

Harris' sampling of 1,594 households nationwide rates Congress at 21 per cent positive for doing a good job, 69 per cent negative and 10 per cent undecided.

Harris defines positive as good to excellent and negative as being only fair to poor.

His latest testing on Nixon's standing, one taken about a week prior to the Congressional recording, gives the President a five-point lead over the lawmakers.

As Harris summarizes the latest findings, "the conclusion that emerges from these results is that both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government have come as close as possible to losing the public's confidence under our form of government."

The Congressional poll over a ten-year span shows a high point in 1965 when Congress received a 64 to 26 per cent positive rating, with 10 per cent uncertain.

That was the year LBJ introduced his Great Society proposals, Viet Nam was going reasonably well for our military, and inflation was merely something that some editorialists, ourselves included, pointed to as the next menace around the corner.

A February, 1973, poll taken by Harris showed a turn around to 38 versus 45 per cent positive and 17 per cent undecided.

This was the point at which Senator Ervin's Watergate Committee swung into action.

These ups and down in popular esteem are nothing new to the Washington establishment and despite Harris' gloomy deduction from the latest balloting it is doubtful if the U.S. public is prepared to change the present system for something hatched up by the Socialists, Communists or other splinter groups.

It does more than suggest, however, that the public sees the need for better management and if a Presidential

election were held today we would guess that George Wallace or somebody like him might garner a very substantial vote.

If Watergate is kept in its proper perspective in being a national version of how Mayor Daly keeps Chicago on balance, this declining esteem traces to an upsurge in everyday difficulties besetting the average household.

Correctly, we sense, people have reached the conclusion that Washington has been asleep in failing to anticipate inflation and the energy crunch, and when awaking belatedly to those problems has applied the same, old politics as usual remedy.

This vacuous approach when administered by a bureaucracy whose destiny is its preservation under all circumstances can not help but leave the average American who is paying for the Washington show out in the cold. The only beneficiaries of that expensive performance are special interests of that expensive performance are special interests who allegiance to anything or anybody is measured in terms of forget what you gave me yesterday, what am I getting today.

Conceding the average American has come to expect too much from his leadership and too little from himself, the fact remains this leadership has been faulty.

It over reacts on some things, the environment being one example, and under reacts on others.

Regarding the latter, the man on the street could not be expected to sense the onset of the energy crunch. Yet Washington which had that information fully available from all manner of sources for three years kept it in the closet.

Confidence is the key element to making a democracy work.

Lincoln aptly put his finger on it in his homily about fooling some people all of the time, fooling all of them some of the time, and not fooling all of them all of the time.

Because he was at best a plurality President, possibly he understood that fact better than most who have gone to Washington.

He energized from the third clause in that observation.

We need more people along the Potomac following Lincoln's practice and considerably fewer who like the first two sections.

disinterested the public may have become, the completion of the Skylab 3 mission was of historic importance. Indeed, the very fact that it had gone routinely over so long a period is a key element in making it important. For this mission ended all doubt that men can work productively in space for months at a time and return without having undergone serious physical or psychological harm.

A Skylab flight surgeon, Dr. Paul Buchanan, offered intriguing comment on this. Some scientists are now saying that space journeys several times as long as the Skylab 3 mission are not out of the question. Dr. Buchanan agrees that missions of 12 or 18 months are feasible, and added: "I'd have no qualms about it. If it were up to me, we'd start tomorrow."

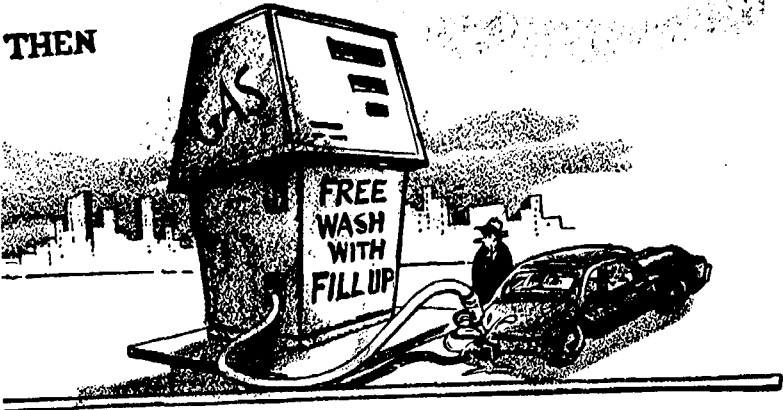
The mission just completed had many other useful results, including the fruit of many intensive photographic surveys of Earth's surface. Most notably, it provided scientists with a mass of solar data based on observation free of atmospheric distortions. Yet Skylab 3's greatest value may be its proof that man can live and do effective work in space for long periods of time.

A two-ounce serving of cooked beef liver provides more than 30,000 international units of vitamin A.

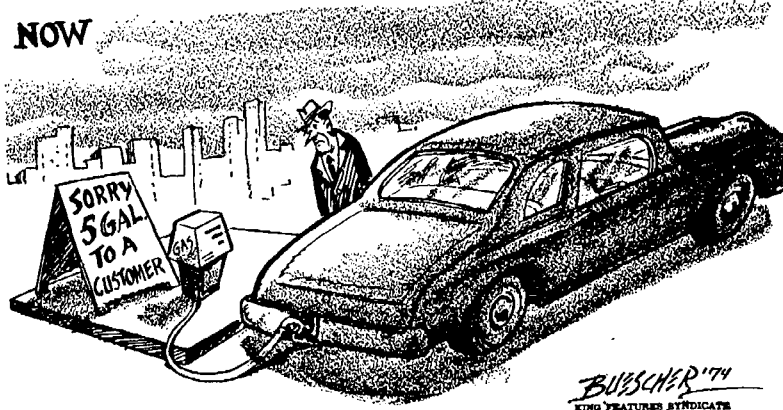
Underwater photography got its start in 1892, when Frenchman Louis Boutan photographed a Mediterranean spider crab. Unlike today's hand held cameras, Boutan's camera was in a copper and iron box weighing several hundred pounds, buoyed by an empty wine cask, the National Geographic says.

How Times Have Changed

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NOW



GLANCING BACKWARDS

FEAR BOTTLENECK AT BRIDGE

— 1 Year Ago —

The Edgewater outlet to Tiscornia Freeway at Blossomland bridge, St. Joseph, is scheduled to be rebuilt this summer to try to cut down on accidents but traffic flow will be reduced to one lane.

Representatives of the industrial plants and trucking companies in the highly concentrated manufacturing area have been invited to a meeting Tuesday set up by the Twin Cities Area Safety Council to discuss the impact of the change in the

traffic flow. The Edgewater group is apprehensive of the state highway plan and predict more accidents instead of less and considerably more of a traffic jam at the point where the upramp meets Tiscornia freeway (US-33).

DRUGGIST, PAPERS TO BE HONORED

— 10 Years Ago —

Robert J. Gillespie of St. Joseph, president of the American Pharmaceutical association, will be one of seven Michigan residents to receive "Outstanding Health Service

Awards" from the Michigan State Medical Society. The Herald-Press and its sister publication, The Benton Harbor News-Palladium will be recognized with 10 other newspapers, editors and radio and television stations for its reporting and interpretation of medical news.

Michigan leaders in education, legislation, communications and civic service will be honored Feb. 27 in Lansing by the society. The state organization of doctors of medicine announced those to be honored at its annual awards luncheon.

BUD GOAL TO BE ATTAINED

— 35 Years Ago —

Reporting better than 100 per cent of their quotas, the St. Joseph division and the Benton Harbor division of the Blossom Festival finance program made the closing dinner of the festival campaign, held at the Vincent hotel last night, a Victory dinner from beginning to end.

Not to be outdone, the Horticulture division reported 71.4 per cent of its quota, with Chairman Eric Kerlikowske assuring the assembled campaign workers that his division would complete its task and more than carry its share of the campaign. Total amount reported was \$17,434.75 toward the campaign goal of \$18,200. Campaign leaders declared that the balance of \$765.25 will be completed early next week.

ICE IS THICK

— 45 Years Ago —

For the first time this winter ice on the wing dam has become several inches thick in the past few days, making skating safe. Ice four or five inches thick has formed during the extreme cold weather.

SELLS BAKERY

— 55 Years Ago —

The bakery of Benning and Nimtz, on Broad street, was sold to Arthur Schaefer.

DISPOSES PROPERTY

— 65 Years Ago —

R.C. Crawford, acting as auctioneer, disposed of much of the Red Hen property at public sale this afternoon. The room was filled with buyers, and most of the articles were sold at low prices.

BERRY'S WORLD



"... Yes — INDEED, it DOES say something to me. It says to me: You're in the wrong field, Ace!"

Bruce Blossat

Good Reasons
For Re-Targeting



With authority, it can be said that the new fiscal 1975 budget carries around \$100 million intended for a beginning move toward greater accuracy in the targeting of our land-and-sea-based nuclear missiles.

Since Defense Secretary James Schlesinger declared an intent to re-target some of these missiles toward Soviet military objectives, including its hardened, land-based missiles silos, there has been a broad assumption in the "arms community" that this proposal was tightly linked with a U.S. need for considerably greater accuracy in weapons guidance.

It has also been assumed by both critics and backers of the proposal that the cost of higher precision would be billions of dollars. Some argue "untold billions." Billions is correct, untold billions (sounding astronomical) is wrong.

More important, however, it can be stated that there is a misconception in the idea that re-targeting of U.S. missiles to hit Soviet military objectives is so inseparably and closely tied to greater precision in our nuclear weapons.

We presently have a long lead over the Soviet Union in accuracy of weapons guidance. It is deemed sufficient to be of immediate and major concern to the Soviet Union, and impressive to our allies counting upon our nuclear umbrella, if it is coupled with an announced firm intent to direct some of our missiles not just to Russian cities but to their key military installations.

Why, then, should we seek further costly gains in accuracy?

The answer may be twofold. First, every advance in precision reinforces the significance of our declared resolve to hit Soviet land-based

missile silos in direct retaliation at that level of combat, should they try to strike at ours.

Second, the U.S. military does not see the Soviet Union standing still in the accuracy field, any more than in any other nuclear area where we are now believed to have strong technological advantage.

In fact, the Russians are at the stage where, for the first time, they are ready to employ on-board computers to guide their huge missiles. Until that development, they were never considered here to be "serious about accuracy."

What impresses this government, indeed, is the Soviet seriousness about closing the technological gap in every phase of nuclear weaponry — as measured both by Russia's high proportionate defense expenditures and the checkable evidence of its weapons progress.

For instance, the Russians today produce smoother "re-entry" rockets. They've long been plagued by poor re-entry and thus often gross inaccuracy.

Moreover, their latest successful test of a multiple-targeted (MIRV) missile over a 4,500-mile course reveals their push to catch us in this complex field, where we've built a big edge in both our land-based Minuteman III and our submarine-borne Poseidon (each missile with 10 to 14 warheads.)

So, we see our technological advantage as sure to wane. Moreover, Schlesinger's concern as voiced in January is that the time can come — though still years off — when such Soviet gains may be mated with Russia's unique ability, noted by Fortune magazine, to "launch more and larger nuclear missiles propelled by rockets of greater power than ours."

Jeffrey Hart

Whales Facing
Extinction



The moment may be at hand to do something effective about the continuing slaughter of a world's whale population — and if so it has arrived none too soon, for unless the relentless slaughter of the whales made possible by modern technology is brought under control these impressive creatures face certain extinction.

For some reason not altogether clear to me, American conservatives have not on the whole been notable for their interest in — and savor the irony here — conservation. There exist, to be sure, outstanding exceptions such as New York's Senator James Buckley.

But what is at stake in conservation is a principle profoundly conservative, and one that goes beyond the preservation of this species or that, however desirable in itself such preservation might be. The issue involves man's fundamental attitude toward the world around him; or, in other words, it involves the sort of being he himself chooses to be. The purely exploitative attitude

toward the non-human world has its roots in the utilitarian tradition of the 19th century — a liberal tradition, I might add. And it is no coincidence that this attitude entailed not only a gross exploitation of nature but of other human beings as well. Prior to the 19th century the dominant tradition was one of careful stewardship.

With two flagrant exceptions, the nation's of the world now favor a 10-year moratorium on commercial whaling. Such a moratorium was approved 53-0 by the nation's attending a Stockholm conference on the subject in 1972. It was unanimously approved in Geneva in 1973. In 1972, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives voted unanimously for the moratorium.

Japan and the Soviet Union are the large-scale whale killers at present, and both have been refusing to go along with the moratorium. Both, however, ought to be especially vulnerable to international pressure just now.

Judging by the reception Premier Kakuei Tanaka received during his recent tour through neighboring Asian countries, Japan's international reputation is none too favorable. In fact, Japan is increasingly being perceived as a modern version of Victorian Birmingham — Manchester — Leeds, an example of runaway overdevelopment pursued without regard to any other considerations. The attitude of the Japanese toward their whaling is a prime symbol of this: a willingness to slaughter the whales for short-run profit despite the certainty of long-run disaster.

The less said about the international reputation of the Soviet Union the better, and thank you very much, Mr. Solzhenitsyn. But the Soviets do desire advanced trade relations with the West, and people like Senator Buckley might well be able to put pressure on them concerning their ocean-going abattoirs.

Modern whaling is a peculiarly messy business, far different from the adventurous Moby Dick hunts of yesteryear.

First Major Space Event
Not Covered Live By TV

Quite a bit has been made of the fact that the return of the Skylab 3 crew was the first major space event in years not covered live by the networks. It was a dollars-and-cents decision: TV officials felt that audience interest would not justify the cost of live coverage.

In terms of television economics, the decision to settle for videotape showings later in the day made good sense. The public's fascination with space activities has clearly declined. Also, the public attention span is limited. The drama of a brief journey to the moon and back is one thing; a mission which spans nearly three months is quite another. Despite occasional reminders, the public came to feel no great interest in what was going on up there week after week.

And what does all this lead to? It leads to the assertion that, however

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BH An 'All-American School District'—Helser

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer
"I feel very excited about the kind of challenges we have in the district," said new Benton Harbor Area Schools Supt. Richard F. Helser.

"Career professionals (in education) look at Benton Harbor as a gold mine," he added, noting the wide range of challenges and opportunities within the system. Helser made his comments

during a noon luncheon of the Twin Cities Rotary club at St. Joseph Elks lodge. Helser himself was a Rotarian while living in Watertown, N.Y.

"I believe, Benton Harbor Area schools to be an all-American school district," said Helser, and noted his job brings "many pains and many pleasures."

Benton Harbor has a "multi-faceted curriculum," he said, which includes individualized instruction in elementary schools; a Phase I program in the high school in which course material is broken down to each level of the reader so all get the same content; and "the finest vocational education program

owned by a school district." Helser stressed the need for parent-educator communication, and pointed out that compensatory programs in the system (funded by state and federal monies) rose from about

\$400,000 two years ago to nearly \$2 million today. "The secret is community involvement," he said.



RICHARD HELSER
BH Schools Chief

Helser said he had three goals as superintendent: that every graduate should leave school with an employable skill; students should be proficient in reading and speaking skills to compete in society; and that every graduate should leave with a knowledge of America to the point where optimism replaces pessimism.

Woman Makes Complaints

BH Asks Probe Of Elderly Center

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

The Benton Harbor city commission Monday formally asked for an investigation into allegations that elderly persons have been mistreated and supplies misappropriated at the senior citizens' center, 53 Wall street, Benton Harbor.

The allegations were made before the commission by Mrs. Ellaretta B. Brown, 75, of 1238 Broadway, Benton Harbor, who said she has been active at the center.

Mrs. Catheryn Sirk, project director for the Berrien County Council on Aging, voiced complete surprise, when in-

formed of the allegations and commission response, this morning. The Council on Aging is the grantee for state-disbursed federal funds that operate the Benton Harbor center and two others.

Mrs. Sirk said all money earmarked for center operations is budgeted and can be accounted for, while money raised by elderly persons at the center through their own projects is kept by them for their various projects and supplies.

City Commission action on a resolution was unanimous, and the vote was taken immediately after hearing Mrs. Brown's comments Monday night. Also

passed was a resolution, seeking a way for senior citizens to participate in the selection of full time staff. A sole vote against this was cast by Edmund Eaman, without comment.

Mayor Charles Joseph said while the city does not operate the center, he went to Gov. Milliken to seek the operating grant. The investigation resolution will go to the governor, Council on Aging, Berrien county board of commissioners and the county Department of Social Services.

Mrs. Brown verbally charged that youths enter the center, use and dirty the restrooms, and

that a center secretary has not been pleasant with the elderly.

Mrs. Brown criticized operations of the center under coordinator J. Chris Grier.

Mrs. Sirk said Grier had resigned to work on a master's degree from Central Michigan university. She said Grier left at the end of last week, after giving the council two weeks notice. Mrs. Sirk said the council considered Grier's work here as excellent.

Mrs. Brown charged before the commission that some 200 items of canned goods raised in a benefit for senior citizens in December at Sterne Brunson school never reached the center.

She also alleged there was no accounting of \$150 raised for senior citizens activities in a bake sale, and that purchases of supplies for the center were less than reported.

The Benton Harbor center was opened last summer in a ceremony that included Gov. Milliken. It was financed by a federal grant of \$63,000, Mrs. Sirk said.

The Berrien County Council on Aging is a non-profit, private agency, Mrs. Sirk said. It has been designated by the government as grantee. Capt. Ronald Lenz of the Salvation Army is the current council president.



NEW PARTNER: Nap A. Chinick, 586 Eloise Drive, Benton Harbor is new partner with Donald Cutler in Chinick and Cutler Tax Service, 516 North Main street, Watervliet. Chinick retired from Internal Revenue Service last June, with 27 years experience. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Nights and Sundays by appointment. (Cliff Stevens photo)

BH Schools Pick Deputy Superintendent

Benton Harbor board of education last night hired a former Texas school administrator as a deputy superintendent and accepted a \$6,000 bequest in the will of a former

resident.

New deputy superintendent for instruction is Edmund R. Parpart, 40, currently on leave from Houston as an assistant superintendent and now at Yale

university as a fellow in school administration. He starts May 1 on a two-year contract with first-year salary of \$24,900.

The bequest is under the will of Mrs. (George) F. Alice

Burridge Hobart with the provisions that \$3,000 be used to stimulate interest in faculty and students toward publishing a history of Benton Harbor. The other \$3,000 is to be used for

buying land adjacent to the high school for recreation, or added to the historical fund if land is not available.

Mrs. Hobart was a graduate of Benton Harbor high school and most recently lived at High Point, N.C., where her husband taught in college. She wrote poetry and had spent much time in historical research on Benton Harbor. She was a member of the Burridge and Riford families, prominent in early day local affairs.

present Martin Luther King school.

—Passed a resolution citing accomplishments of the late W. M. Cunningham who was on the board of education 18 years and president many years.

—Approved purchase of 10 school buses from low bidders Gersonde Equipment, Benton Harbor, \$68,380 for chassis, and McFadden Corp., Lansing, \$56,700 for bodies.

Daley Names New Chicago Police Chief

CHICAGO (AP) — James M. Rochford, a 27-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, has been chosen over two outside candidates as the new superintendent of the 12,500-member police force.

Mayor Richard J. Daley declined to name the other two, but they were believed to be former Detroit Police Commissioner John Nichols and former New York Commissioner Donald Cawley.

Rochford will succeed Supt. James Conlisk, who resigned last fall.

The mayor announced the appointment Monday.

Bendix Names Controller Here

James L. Edwards, a Bendix Corp. employee since 1961, has been promoted to controller for the Hydraulics division, south of St. Joseph.

Edwards, who resides in South Bend succeeds Edward J. O'Keefe, who resigned.

Edwards began in the accounting section of the Bendix Brake and Steering division, South Bend, and most recently served as accounting manager.

He attended Ball State university, Muncie, Ind., and received a degree in business from Indiana university. South Bend campus. His memberships include Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting honorary fraternity; the National Association of Accountants; and National Management association. Ed-

wards is married and the father of three children.



JAMES L. EDWARDS

For May 6 Election

SJ To Set Millage Figure

St. Joseph board of education last night scheduled a special meeting for Feb. 25 to set the amount of operating tax millage that will be voted on in a special election May 6.

The board, meeting at Lakeview Gard school, heard Supt. Richard Ziehlmer review a list of 29 recommendations designed to improve the St. Joseph Public Schools' educational program and relating to the millage election.

Dr. Ziehlmer reported results of a session Feb. 6 at Jefferson school where 48 persons representing every segment of the educational system, recommended some new programs be started to meet the challenge of changing times.

Ziehlmer told the board: "During the past three years we have made very few improvements in our school program and student performance it beginning to suffer as a result."

"The people at the Jefferson school meeting are well aware of the problems of securing additional funds; however, they are also aware that a school district which does not continuously strive to improve will slip backwards."

No specific millage figures were discussed last night. But

Ziehlmer noted that along with educational program recommendations, elimination of the \$210,000 operating deficit, cost increases and a contingency fund should be considered.

It also was recommended that the millage package be for two years to avoid having to come back next year when a 5-mill operating levy expires.

In other matters the board approved seeking bids on installing a sprinkler system in St. Joseph High school storage areas as required by the State fire marshal. Business Manager Dennis Percy said the bid taking will not delay some other top priority repairs.

Ziehlmer reported a survey indicated that of the 1,304 families with elementary school children, 483 have no adult at home during the school day. The survey was taken because of difficulties over daylight saving time imposed this year that causes youngsters to walk to the school in the dark.

Dr. Ziehlmer said school officials are hopeful daylight saving time will be rescinded during the winter and if that is not possible, some coordination of uniform school hours be set.

Anglers Flee As Auto Sinks

SEBWAING, Mich. (AP) — A fishing expedition by four Bay County men narrowly averted tragedy early Sunday when their car plunged through the ice of Saginaw Bay into 20 feet of water, authorities report.

Bay County sheriff's deputies said the men scrambled from the car as it sank, then headed toward Katchay Island about two miles off shore. After struggling to the island in heavy snow, the

men started a fire and began drying off, an operation that took six hours.

"We thought we would freeze to death in the blinding snowstorm if we tried to walk to shore," said Clinton MacLeod, 57, of Bay City.

Also involved were MacLeod's sons-in-law, James Arnst, 31, and Carl Weisenauer, 43, both of Bay City, and Dennis Wood, 28, of Linden.

Deputies said the men slept most of Sunday night and then started for shore about 7:40 a.m. Monday. They were spotted after about an hour by a Huron County deputy sheriff involved in a search for the missing men.

"One thing you can bank on, we're all going to be in church next Sunday morning," MacLeod said.

MacLeod said the group regretted losing the car, a power auger and 200 fish.

Rail Bills

Under Study

In Lansing

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Rural development legislation to be announced in a couple of weeks by House Republicans will contain two bills to encourage railroads to maintain or expand their operations in Michigan.

Rep. John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant, said Monday that the bills are being revealed because of impending curtailments of much outstate rail services as the result of federal legislation establishing a consolidated rail system in the northeastern United States.

One bill would relieve the track mileage which could be abandoned from state property tax liability, which is now assessed on the basis of gross income per mile of track.

The second bill authorizes a 10 per cent investment tax credit to railroads which expand their Michigan operations. The credit would be granted against the state income tax.

Buses Vandalized

Berrien sheriff's deputies reported ignition wires on three Lakeshore school buses were cut sometime Sunday night, and the valve stems on tires of five more were also clipped off.

Herb Sommers, school transportation manager, told officers three buses were parked at the high school, one at Stevensville elementary school, and the others were at the homes of various drivers.

Lawrence Meeting Changed

LAWRENCE — Carl Whiteman, Lawrence township clerk, has announced the Lawrence township board will meet Thursday, February 14 at 12:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. as regularly scheduled.

John Helsley Nominated For Shoreham Presidency

Shoreham Progressive party members last night nominated incumbent councilman John Helsley to succeed Dr. Hugo David as village president.

Helsley, of 2185 North Hanley road, a councilman for the past five years, was nominated at the Progressive party caucus without opposition. There is only one party active in Shoreham and nomination at the caucus is tantamount to election.

Dr. David, who announced earlier he would not be a can-

didate, had served six years as village president.

Helsley's wife, Janet, was nominated to her 12th term as clerk. Another husband-wife team on the council, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson, was renominated. Mr. Anderson was nominated as councilman and his wife, Nancy, to her third term as treasurer.

Lynn Rayle, Jr. was nominated to succeed Joseph Mueller on the council. Mueller declined to seek re-election. He has served eight years.

The other incumbent councilman, Harry Jaeger, will be seeking his second term.

Frank Ottes was renominated to the post of assessor.

The election will be held Monday, March 11. While the candidates nominated will be unopposed, village voters will decide if they want to double the terms of village officials thereby getting away from the cost of holding annual elections. If passed the new system would start in 1976.



JOHN HELSLEY
Nominated President

State Files 3rd Suit To Get Right Of Way For Bridge

The State Highway department filed a third land condemnation suit Monday in Berrien circuit court for right-of-way for two new bridges linking downtown Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

The department, through Special Assistant Atty. Gen. Henry Gleiss of St. Joseph, seeks to condemn 117 Wayne street and names as defendants owners Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schewe of 1508 Jasmine drive, St. Joseph.

It isn't immediately known how many more

suits may be filed to obtain land for bridgework, Atty. Gleiss said.

The department's suit said it was unable to agree with the Schewes for a purchase. The new bridges are to be a pair of four-lane crossing the St. Joseph river and Morrison channel south of a pair of existing two-lane bridges.

Suits filed earlier were against the St. Joseph Fisheries-Lobster Lounge and a private residence.

State Unit Headed By SJ Inspector

Carl L. Conklin, director of building and inspections for the city of St. Joseph, has been elected president of the Michigan chapter of the International Conference of Building Officials.

Conklin, a former fireman, has been head of the building and safety department of the city since 1968. He succeeds Herbert C. Weirauch of Midland. The election took place last week at the chapter's annual meeting at St. Mary's Lake, near Battle Creek.

Other officers include Raymond Kieser, East Lansing,

first vice president; Lawrence Betts, Saginaw, second vice president; and Michael Bosanae, Monroe, secretary-treasurer. Conklin was first elected to office in the chapter three years ago, moving up to his present position.

There were 125 building inspectors from all parts of Michigan at the conference.

State officials from fields relating to building including Don Irwin of the licensing and regulations bureau for contractors; George Canton, state fire marshal and George Winchagen of the state department of labor



CARL L. CONKLIN
Heads State Group

all spoke at the conference. Most of the conference business sessions centered on review of a new state building code now being developed in Lansing



Bitter Taste Remains As Trucks Roll

A blockade of truck fuel pumps at the Famous truck stop outside of Benton Harbor was removed yesterday afternoon as the nationwide strike by independent truckers continued to wind down.

The blockade was the last of three at Berrien county's three major truck fueling centers to go. Blockades at Hildebrand's near New Buffalo and the Sawyer Truck plaza were removed Saturday.

As across the state, truck traffic was reported increasing throughout southwestern Michigan, despite opposition by some trucker groups. No one, however, would say that traffic had returned yet to normal.

At least six shooting incidents

were reported across the state by state police, but no violence was reported in southwestern Michigan.

Spokesmen for independent truckers from the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area said yesterday they would continue to reject the government settlement.

At an informal meeting at the Sawyer truck plaza, Gordon Christian of Benton Harbor said the truckers in his group believe they've been given a "snow job" in Washington.

"We didn't get anything," he said. "We can't make it on a six per cent surcharge, and what will happen when the price freeze ends next month?"

Christian also questioned another part of the proposed agreement negotiated in Washington, D.C., by a six-man committee representing independent truckers across the country.

"Where is all the diesel fuel coming from?" asked Christian in reference to a government proposal to provide truckers with all the fuel they needed.

"Before we had to go from station to station getting 10, 20, 30 or maybe 50 gallons at a time," he said. "Now they tell us we can get all we want."

This question also was raised by Bill Moomaw, manager of the Sawyer truck plaza, and Tony Goetz, manager of Hildebrand's truck plaza south of New Buffalo.

Both managers said they had plenty of fuel now because of the nine days their pumps were blocked. "But we haven't received any word from our suppliers about any increase in our fuel allotments," they said.

Truckers at the meeting at Sawyer said they wanted diesel prices rolled back to the May 15, 1973, price base used by the Internal Revenue Service.

Moomaw said at Sawyer the price was 34.9 cents last May, compared to 48.1 cents since Jan. 1.

At Hildebrand's, Goetz said he wasn't sure of the May price. He is selling diesel fuel at 44.7 cents.

Though truckers were unhappy with the situation, they did not try to force the closing of



ON LOOKOUT: National Guard helicopter patrols I-94 at Sawyer truck stop yesterday morning as tanker rolls along on freeway, while two other trucks stand idle in truck stop's parking area. More and more trucks were seen on road today as strike

of independent truckers comes to a close. Blockade of diesel fuel pumps at Famous truck stop, Benton township, were lifted early yesterday afternoon. The last holdout in southwestern Michigan. (Staff photo)

Bangor Trying Again On School Proposal

BANGOR — Bangor school board last night set for Saturday, April 20, the special election on a \$4.1 million school construction bond issue.

The board set the date as it released details on the building program that would be financed by the bond issue, the eleventh to be offered school district voters since 1968.

All previous bond issues have been defeated. Supt. Howard Beyer said that the bond issue if

approved would finance construction of a 24-room middle school next to the high school and a gym between the two buildings; and a 19-room elementary school.

Under the construction plan recommended by a citizen's committee, he said, the present middle school would be demolished with the exception of the gym.

The deadline for registering to vote in the election is March 21.



VIENNA 'BREAD': Edward Bocock, president of South Haven Kiwanis club presents check for \$529 to Larry Lambert, member of South Haven high school choir that will be participating in international Youth youth music festival in Vienna, Austria in July. Choir is seeking to raise \$20,000 for two week trip. Kiwanis donation was made possible by travelogue proceeds.

New Buffalo Board Sets 2nd Tax Vote

NEW BUFFALO — New Buffalo voters will get another chance to vote on a once-defeated school property tax levy proposal as the result of action by the New Buffalo school board last night.

The board set Monday, April 15, for a special election on a 4.624-mill proposal covering renewal of a two-mill issue and the addition of 2.624 mills.

Voters rejected an identical proposal Feb. 4 by three votes, 302 to 299.

The entire amount is needed, according to Supt. Walter Schwarz, to continue present operations and qualify the district for more state aid.

If approved, the levy would yield about \$166,000 a year

towards district operational costs. In addition, the district would receive an added \$52,000 from state aid because the added millage would boost the total district rate for operations to 23 mills, a mill over a minimum required by the state to receive the additional payment. It would boost the total rate to 26.2 mills.

Schwarz, in reviewing details of the first issue previously, had said the combination would give the district about \$137,000 more for operations than it had this year.

In other action, Ronald Morrison, high school principal, told board members an additional teacher and classroom would be needed for the next

school year.

Morrison based the need on a projected enrollment increase of 30 students next year in grades 9-12. He said there are 496 students in grades 9-11, 30 more than in grades 9-12.

Robert Heit, elementary principal, said he anticipated a drop of 53 elementary pupils in grades K-5 next year, from the present 611 down to 558. He said 63 kindergarten students had been enrolled to date for next year.

The board voted to continue participation in a shared time program with St. Joseph, Lakeshore, River Valley and Galien school districts, providing funds are available. The board went on record as favoring initiation of a summer recreation program for New Buffalo area children ages 4-12, to be financed and directed by New Buffalo city park board. Such a program would utilize school facilities.

Payment of \$291.40 to Riverwood Community Mental Health center was approved, based on a levy of 20 cents each for the district's 1,457 students.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Doctor Joins Staff Of Medical Center

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Dr. Demetrio M. Hechanova Jr. has joined the staff of Andrews university medical center here, according to Dr. Herald Habenicht, director of the center.

A native of the Philippines, he received bachelor's degrees at Philippine Union college, Manila, and the University of Visayas, Cebu City.

He earned his doctorate degree at Manila Central university in 1964 and took postgraduate work in general surgery and trauma at the University of the Philippines.

From 1966 to 1969, he was secretary of the department of health for the North Philippine Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists and was staff surgeon and chairman of resident training at Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. He served as a house physician at West Allis, Wis., Memorial hospital, from 1969 to 1972.

Besides his work at AU's medical center, Dr. Hechanova will join Dr. Habenicht in team-teaching classes in "The Ministry of Healing" at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Hechanova is married to the former Fidela M. Senon, a music teacher in the Benton Harbor public schools. They have two sons and two daughters.

ELECTED TO BOARD

ST. CLAIR, Mich. (AP) — John J. Dwyer of Cleveland has been elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors of Diamond Salt Co., the firm said Monday.



GORDON CHRISTIAN
Against settlement

either truck stop. Christian said they could see no reason to hurt either place, where management had been very cooperative, while most other truck stops remained open.

Carbon Monoxide Ruled Cause Of Keeler Death

PAW PAW — Carbon monoxide poisoning has been ruled the cause of death of an 18-year-old Hartford man, Richard John Crosby, who was found dead in a Keeler residence Jan. 13.

The official ruling on the cause of death was made by Dr. P. Graydon Reineohl of Paw Paw, deputy Van Buren county medical examiner.

The death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Territorial road, Keeler. The Hall's daughter, Miss Patricia Johnson,

was discovered in a semi-conscious state with Crosby.

Earlier, Sgt. Robert Ruohonen of the state police fire marshal division had reported that analysis of Crosby's blood showed a 52 per cent level of toxic carbon monoxide gas, a quantity that could be lethal.

Tests made at the house by police and health officials revealed that a furnace emitted carbon monoxide when turned up to a high burn, Ruohonen also had reported.

City Assessor Dies In Buchanan

BUCHANAN — George E. Burgoyne, Sr., 55, the city assessor here and former Buchanan police chief, died Monday morning, apparently of a heart attack.

Mr. Burgoyne, of 106 Red Bud Trail South, was pronounced dead on arrival at Pawating hospital in Niles about 10 a.m.

He collapsed at a doctor's office before being taken to the hospital.

Mr. Burgoyne had served as building inspector, city assessor and code enforcement officer since 1966. He had lived all his life in Buchanan.

Surviving are the widow, Maxine; two sons, George E., Jr. and Gary LeRoy both of Lansing; a daughter, Miss

Yolanda Burgoyne at home; a brother, Lawrence of Buchanan; and two sisters, Mrs. Betty Lolmaugh of Buchanan and Mrs. Evelyn Krone of Berrien Springs.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Buchanan and burial in police uniform will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Swern-Smith Funeral Home in Buchanan after 7 p.m. today and a Rosary recital will be held in the chapel at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Buchanan public library.



GEORGE BURGUYNE SR.
Buchanan assessor dies

Niles Bank Chief Named On Panel

NILES — Donald F. Walter, president of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan has been named to the regional advisory committee for the Seventh National bank region, according to an announcement by the bank.

The appointment was made by James E. Smith, the federal comptroller of the currency, bank officials said.

Purpose of the 12-member committee, officials said, is to assist the regional administrator of national banks and the currency comptroller in a continuing review of banking regulations.



DONALD F. WALTER

STEVENSVILLE MAN

River Valley Names New Troy Principal

THREE OAKS — Peter Petros, 33, of Stevensville, was hired last night by the River Valley school board as the new principal at New Troy elementary and middle school.

He will assume his duties as principal, as soon as a replacement is found for the

position he held as an elementary school teacher in the St. Joseph public schools system for the past four years.

Petros, who received his bachelor and master degrees from Indiana university, Bloomington, Ind., succeeds Edwin Graham, whose resignation became effective Nov. 1. Petros is married and the father of two children.

In other action, the board approved implementation of a work-study program at the high school level, which will enable students to work for the school district or public agencies, with 80 per cent of their salaries to be reimbursed by the state.

The board set Feb. 20, as an in-service training day for the school district's professional staff. There will be no school on Feb. 20.

The board hired the Acme Disposal company to pickup refuse at the Chikaming school and the high school.

Last night the board met at the Chikaming school. The next board meeting will be Feb. 25, at the high school.

Paw Paw Man Arrested

PAW PAW — A rural Paw Paw man was arrested last night after police received several complaints of a man going door-to-door and allegedly threatening to steal cars.

Police said a demand for money also was made at one house but the resident ignored the alleged demand.

State police and sheriff's deputies said a man identified as Larry Edward Cornell, 41, route 2, 28th street, was booked at the county jail on charges of attempted strong-arm robbery and auto theft. Officers said the man was taken into custody as he walked along CR-665.

Police said a car reported stolen from Kalamazoo earlier in the day was recovered on 28th street, near CR-665.

Lady Firefighters

BARTON CITY, Mich. (AP) — The first group of women to be trained as firefighters in the state has graduated, says the Firefighters Training Council of Michigan.

The 13 women completed their training Friday. The council said Monday three other women took the training course previously as individuals